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INTRODUCTION.

MAN is formed a ſocial being; the Sovereign Ruler of the World has been pleaſed to place us in this life as dependants upon each other, and in continual need of mutual aſſiſtance and ſupport, and has interwoven in our conſtitutions thoſe humane and ſympathetic affections which we always feel at the diſtreſs of our fellow-creatures. How greatly is a beneficent and generous ſpirit rewarded in contributing to relieve that diſtreſs! Of all the delights which human nature is capable of enjoying, the moſt lively and tranſporting are thoſe which flow from ſympathy and ſocial paſſion, as they are not only the moſt pleaſing in their immediate exerciſe, but alſo in contemplation and reflection. Every benevolent mind, therefore, who ſincerely delights in the good of others, will not fail to improve every opportunity to promote the happineſs and comfort of thoſe in particular who are afflicted with ſickneſs, lameneſs, blindneſs, or any ſuch calamity, by which they are deprived of the means and power of ſupporting not only themſelves, but perhaps a numerous family. That this is the true and laudable intention of this Society, the following Articles will ſufficiently explain, and, it is preſumed, require no farther introductory recommendation.

Every perſon who becomes a member, will have that pleaſing reflection, that while he is contributing towards the relief or alleviation of the affliction and calamities of others, he is providing a ſecurity in the ſame manner for himſelf, which God only knows how ſoon or late he or they may ſtand in need of!

RULES AND ORDERS.

ARTICLE I.

THAT this Society ſhall not conſiſt of more than One Hundred Members; and, for the better regulation of the ſame, there ſhall be choſen a preſident, annually on the quarterly night preceding the feaſt of the ſociety, in manner following: the ſecretary ſhall, with the advice of the ſtewards, nominate two proper members, reſiding in the pariſh of Enfield, and who have not ſerved nor fined for that office within the two years laſt paſt: the members then preſent ſhall determine, by ballot, the choice of one of thoſe two perſons ſo nominated; and the member who ſhall have the majority on ſuch ballot, ſhall ſerve the office the term of one year from the time of his election; and, on refuſing to ſerve when ſo choſen, ſhall fine the ſum of five ſhillings, and they ſhall proceed to elect another in the ſame manner. The other officers of this ſociety ſhall conſiſt of two ſtewards, a ſecretary, and a truſtee: the office of ſteward ſhall be continually ſupplied by the members in regular rotation, as their names ſtand upon the liſt, to ſerve the term of three months, under the name of Junior Steward, and ſhall afterwards ſerve three months longer, under the name of Senior Steward. Any member refuſing to ſerve the office of ſteward ſhall fine the ſum of five ſhillings. The ſecretary ſhall, previous to the evening of the appointment of ſtewards, give timely notice to the

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member next in rotation to ſerve the ſaid office, who ſhall give his immediate anſwer whether he will ſerve or fine; in caſe he ſhall fine, the member next in rotation ſhall be applied to in the ſame manner. The member whoſe turn it is to ſerve this office, and who ſhall have ſignified to the ſecretary (previous to the meeting) his intention of ſerving, ſhall regularly attend on the quarterly meetings, which ſhall be on the ſecond Wedneſday in March, June, September, and December, or fine the ſum of two ſhillings and ſixpence, unleſs detained by ſickneſs, lameneſs, or any cauſe of ſuch importance as may be deemed a ſufficient excuſe by a majority of the members; in ſuch caſe, the preſident ſhall appoint ſome proper perſon preſent to officiate for him during ſuch infirmity or abſence only; and, if the member ſo appointed refuſes, he ſhall forfeit ſixpence, and the preſident ſhall appoint another. The ſecretary ſhall be choſen on the quarterly night before the feaſt-day; but, as it is an office that moſt probably will be held longer than one year, it will be unneceſſary to proceed to a freſh election annually, unleſs ſome ſufficient cauſe is ſhewn and approved by a majority of the members preſent at ſuch quarterly meeting, that the preſent ſecretary ſhall not be continued longer, the manner of his election ſhall be by a majority of the members preſent, and he ſhall be allowed ſuch a ſalary as the ſaid members ſhall think proper, to be paid out of the ſociety's ſtock; and, whenever he ſhall be by ſickneſs, or otherwiſe, prevented from performing the ſaid office, he ſhall appoint ſome proper perſon to officiate in his ſtead. The preſident and ſtewards, with the aſſiſtance of the ſe-

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cretary, ſhall cauſe the following Articles, Rules, and Regulations to be duly executed. The truſtee ſhall alſo be choſen on the quarterly night preceding the feaſt-day in the ſame manner as the ſecretary, and ſhall continue to hold that office as long as the members may think proper; and he willing to continue in it.

ARTICLE II.

There ſhall be a meeting of the members of this ſociety at the club-room on the ſecond Wedneſday in every calendar month; which meetings ſhall be at ſeven o'clock in the evening from Lady-day to Michaelmas; and at ſix o'clock from Michaelmas to Lady-day. The preſident and ſtewards may (except on a quarterly meeting) depute or appoint any member who has ſerved the reſpective offices to officiate for them. The ſecretary may likewiſe (except as above) depute a proper perſon to execute his office, which ſaid preſident, ſtewards, and ſecretary, or their reſpective deputies, ſhall attend unleſs detained by ſickneſs or lameneſs within half an hour of the time of meeting, or fine half-a-crown each; and likewiſe every other member reſiding within five miles of the place of meeting of this ſociety, who doth not attend in perſon within half an hour of the time of meeting on each and every quarterly meeting, ſhall be fined one ſhilling, unleſs detained as above. If the preſident ſhould be abſent at ſuch meeting, the ſenior member preſent ſhall officiate for him, or fine ſixpence; and if either or both of the ſtewards ſhould be abſent, the preſident or his repreſentative ſhall appoint a proper member, or members to officiate in his or their ſtead; and if any member ſo appointed refuſes to act he ſhall forfeit ſixpence;

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and if the ſecretary, or either of the ſtewards ſo abſent, on any quarterly or monthly meeting, neglects to ſend his key of the cheſt, within half an hour of the time of meeting before-mentioned, he ſhall for ſuch neglect fine two ſhillings and ſixpence; excluſive of the fine for non-attendance. The preſident, ſtewards, and ſecretary, or their repreſentatives, ſhall attend and ſtay until the buſineſs of the night is finiſhed, or forfeit two ſhillings and ſixpence for ſuch neglect.

ARTICLE III.

None ſhall be admitted members of this ſociety but perſons reſiding in the town of Enfield, or within twenty miles thereof. Nevertheleſs, it ſhall not affect any member who ſhall, by buſineſs or any laudable cauſe, be obliged to move a greater diſtance from this ſociety; in ſuch caſe he muſt deputize ſome perſon to pay his contributions and dues, as before ſpecified, or he cannot be continued a member. No member on admiſſion ſhall be leſs than twenty nor more than forty years of age, in good reputation, perfect health, and free from natural infirmities; not ſubject to be diſordered at particular ſeaſons of the year; nor any perſon whoſe trade, occupation, buſineſs, or income, does not produce him a clear profit or income of twenty ſhillings per week, which he ſhall affirm to the ſociety if required. If, at any time, any member ſhould be impreſſed or balloted into the militia, the ſaid member, ſo impreſſed, or balloted, ſhall be intitled to all the beneſits ſpecified in theſe Articles. No perſon ſhall be admitted or choſen a member of this ſociety but in

club-hours, and when there is twenty-one members preſent at leaſt. Should any perſon obtain admiſſion by falſe pretences, contrary to the true intent and meaning of theſe Articles, he ſhall be excluded, whenever it is clearly proved againſt him, twenty-one members being preſent; and all the money that he ſhall have paid into the ſtock ſhall be forfeited to the ſame. Or, if any perſon be ſuſpected, after his admiſſion into this ſociety, to be older than he gave an account of at the time of his admiſſion, he ſhall be obliged to bring, or ſend, an authentic regiſter of his birth to one of the ſtewards, or ſecretary, within three months after the ſame is required, or be excluded.

ARTICLE IV.

If any member of this ſociety diſcloſe, or make known to any perſon, not being a member of the ſame, any objection which may be made to or againſt any perſon offering to become a member, or diſcloſe or make known any other affair on which a ballot of the members ſhall have been demanded, he ſhall, upon clear proof thereof, to the majority of the members preſent, be fined five ſhillings.

ARTICLE V.

Every perſon, before he is admitted a member of this ſociety, ſhall appear perſonally in the club-room, and be recommended by a member preſent; after which he ſhall withdraw, until it is determined by ballot, whether he ſhall be a member or not. The manner of balloting ſhall be as follows: there ſhall be provided a proper quantity

tity of black and white checks, and ſuch a number of each ſhall be taken as there are members to ballot, they ſhall be put into a box, or ſomething provided for that purpoſe; then each member ſhall ſeparately, by himſelf, take one of thoſe checks, as his opinion may direct him, and put it into a ſeparate box, or ſomething provided for that purpoſe; the ſecretary ſhall then, in preſence of the ſociety, examine the checks, and, if there appears a majority of white checks, he is to be admitted; if there is on the contrary, a majority of black ones, he muſt be diſmiſſed, as it will be evident it is the opinion of this ſociety, that he is not a proper and eligible perſon to be admitted a member. But if it happen on an evening of meeting when there are not twenty-one members preſent, then, and in that caſe, he ſhall give in to the ſecretary his name, age, occupation, and place of abode, and the ſecretary ſhall, on the firſt ſucceeding meeting, when there are a ſufficient number of members preſent, declare to the ſociety ſuch perſon's intention of becoming a member, and they ſhall proceed to determine by ballot whether ſuch perſon be admitted a member or not; if the perſon does not attend on the ſame evening, the ſecretary ſhall inform him, by letter, of the ſociety's determination. Every member on his admiſſion, ſhall pay down, or by four quarterly payments, as may beſt ſuit his convenience, into the ſtock of this ſociety, the following ſums, according to his age,

	£.	s.	d.
From the age of Twenty to Twenty-five -	0	7	6
Twenty-five to Thirty - -	0	10	0
Thirty to Thirty-five - -	0	15	0
Thirty-five to Forty - -	1	1	0

And alſo the like ſum, according to his age, for every 100l. ſtock the ſociety may be poſſeſſed of at the time of his admiſſion.

ARTICLE VI.

Every member ſhall pay at the rate of two ſhillings and ten-pence every calendar month; two ſhillings and ſixpence whereof ſhall be depoſited into the ſtock of this ſociety, and four pence as ſpending money; if any member fails to pay or cauſe to be paid off all his contributions, fines, and dues, for three meetings, he ſhall, the ſucceeding meeting, provided they are not then paid, be fined one ſhilling; if he neglects ſtill another meeting he ſhall be fined two ſhillings and ſixpence; and for the third neglect he ſhall be excluded. Every member, whenever he comes to the club room ſhall pay his contributions, fines, and dues, before the cloſing of the books, or forfeit ſixpence; which books are not to be cloſed till three hours after the time of meeting on the quarterly nights, nor till two hours after the time of meeting on other nights.

ARTICLE VII.

Every perſon who is admitted and becomes a member of this ſociety, ſhall, in one year, that is in twelve calendar

calendar months after his admiſſion, be free; having paid up all his contributions, fines, and dues, and entitled to the following Benefits: That if, by ſickneſs, lameneſs, blindneſs, or other infirmity, he be rendered incapable of following his trade or buſineſs, he ſhall receive from the time it is required by him, and as long as he continues in that condition, provided it does not exceed twelve calendar months, fifteen ſhillings per week; if the ſtock of the ſociety does not amount to five hundred pounds, but if the ſtock does amount to five hundred pounds, or upwards, he ſhall then be entitled to, and paid, eighteen ſhillings per week; but, if ſuch affliction continues longer than twelve calendar months, he ſhall, after the expiration thereof be reduced to half-pay during the continuance of ſuch affliction. If any ground for ſuſpicion appears to either of the ſtewards, of any member receiving the benefit contrary to theſe articles, they, or either of them, ſhall have a power of appointing an apothecary, or ſurgeon, as the caſe may require to attend along with them as often as they, or he, may judge it neceſſary, and the expence of ſuch attendance ſhall be paid out of the ſtock of this ſociety. The ſecretary ſhall every evening of meeting inform the ſociety what members are upon the box, and the ſtewards ſhall be impowered to draw from the box ſuch ſums as may be wanted for the ſame, ſuch money being duly entered as money diſburſed from the ſociety; and on the ſucceeding meeting the ſtewards ſhall give an account of what money they have paid, having receipt as vouchers for the ſame; and, if any money remain in their hands as overplus (by any member having declared off the box, or

otherwiſe) they ſhall refund the ſame on the meeting ſucceeding ſuch declaration, or fine ten ſhillings, or be excluded; ſuch money ſo re-funded ſhall be re-entered into the ſtock of this ſociety.

ARTICLE VIII.

No member ſhall receive any benefit from this ſociety for any hurt or illneſs occaſioned by fighting, or the venereal diſeaſe, nor unleſs he is reſident within the kingdom of Great Britain; nor ſhall he be allowed during the time of his receiving any benefit to frequent gaming-houſes; or get intoxicated with liquor, upon the forfeit of ten ſhillings, or be excluded; but if any member ſhould die before he has been ſo long as to become free thereof, his admiſſion money, with all the money he has paid into the ſtock in contributions, ſhall be returned to his widow, or any other perſon who is properly authorized to receive the ſame, on the evening of the next monthly meeting after the ſame is demanded.

ARTICLE IX.

Any free member of this ſociety that is impriſoned for debt (but who has not cauſed himſelf to be impriſoned to defraud any perſon, or take the benefit of any inſolvent act) ſhall have ſuch allowance during his confinement as the majority of the members preſent on the next monthly meeting after he ſhall have given notice to the ſecretary of his impriſonment, ſhall think proper; nevertheleſs ſubject to the determination of the next quarterly meeting, to be paid weekly by the ſtewards, or their appointment.

ARTICLE X.

When any free member becomes ſick, lame, or otherwiſe diſabled, and requires the benefit, he ſhall give notice to the ſecretary in writing, who ſhall acquaint the ſenior ſteward with ſuch member's declaration on the box, and if his neceſſity ſhould require payment of his benefit before the next monthly meeting, the ſteward ſhall pay him weekly as uſual, and be paid the money he has diſburſed for the ſame on the next evening of meeting; but if the ſick member doth not reſide within the town of Enfield or five miles thereof, he muſt ſend a letter, poſt-paid, directed to the Secretary of the Amicable Union Society, Enfield, with a certificate, ſigned by his apothecary, or ſurgeon, and one of the churchwardens of the pariſh wherein he then reſides, as in the form annexed. See No. 1, marked A. And ſuch member ſhall during the time that he receives the benefit ſend a letter, directed as above, every thirty days, ſigned in the ſame manner as the firſt letter, and his money ſhall be remitted to him by the ſenior ſteward, according to his order. And, as ſoon as he recovers, and is able to reſume his occupation, trade, or buſineſs, he ſhall immediately ſend a letter, directed as before, ſignifying his recovery, and his declaration off the box, upon the forfeiture of five pounds into the ſtock of this ſociety, or be excluded for ſuch a neglect or default, whenever fully proved againſt him. If the ſteward neglects to pay or remit the money required by any ſick or lame member, according to the true intent and meaning

meaning of theſe articles, he ſhall forfeit two ſhillings and ſixpence for ſuch neglect. The ſecretary ſhall inform the ſociety every evening of meeting after he ſhall have received the declaration of any member on or off the box, or fine two ſhillings and ſixpence.

ARTICLE XI.

Whereas, in conſideration of the difficulties and diſtreſſes that conſequently or generally attend old age and indigence combined together, this ſociety, in order to alleviate ſuch diſtreſs, and make comfortable the declining years, have thought proper, and do hereby agree, that any member of this ſociety that has been free of it thirty years, and paid all contributions, fines, and dues, and has arrived at the age of ſixty-one years, and is by ſickneſs, misfortunes, or calamities, reduced to a ſtate of indigence and diſtreſs, and rendered incapable of ſupporting himſelf by his trade or occupation, ſhall be allowed five ſhillings a week, out of the ſtock or fund of this ſociety, during the remainder of his life; except he ſhould by inheritance or other means receive any conſideration which may place him above ſuch indigence or diſtreſs, in ſuch caſe he muſt give notice to the ſociety of the reſignment of his penſion within one month of his receiving ſuch conſideration or emolument, or fine five pounds, or be excluded, which ever a majority may think proper. The mode of application of ſuch a petitioner ſhall be as follows: he ſhall, after being eligible as before mentioned preſent a petition, directed

to the ſecretary, and addreſſed to the Preſident, Stewards, and Members, of the Amicable Union Society, Enfield, on a quarterly meeting, which petition ſhall be maturely conſidered, but not determined or balloted for before the ſucceeding quarterly meeting; when ſuch petitioner ſhall be admitted or rejected, as a majority may think proper. After being admitted a penſioner he muſt pay, or cauſe to be paid, his contributions, fines, and dues, except in caſe of preſident and ſtewards, which fines he ſhall not be liable to pay, or to ſerve the aforeſaid offices. He will not be intitled to declare on the box for the ſick benefit, except he reſigns his penſion. Nor can he be again re-admitted a penſioner without the ſame mode of application and determination.

ARTICLE XII.

If either of the ſtewards have any ſuſpicion that any member at a diſtance from this ſociety is receiving the benefit, contrary to the true intent of theſe articles, or guilty of any fraud on this ſociety, they ſhall uſe every endeavour to detect the ſame: he or they ſhall be impowered to take a journey on a well-grounded ſuſpicion, in order to detect the ſame, and ſhall be re-imburſed all reaſonable expences, and allowed for their trouble; being determined that an inſtitution founded for the good of ſociety, ſhall be guarded, as far as can be, from the deſigning artifice and fraud of unworthy members.

ARTICLE XIII.

Every member that is free of this ſociety, that is, having been a member twelve calendar months from the date of his admiſſion, and paid all his contributions, fines, and dues, he ſhall receive a proper certificate, ſigned by the preſident, ſtewards, and ſecretary, for the time being, by virtue of which, his heirs, executors, or adminiſtrators, in caſe of his death, will be intitled to receive the ſum of five pounds; at the expiration of two years, eight pounds; and at three years, eleven pounds; at four years, fourteen pounds; at five years, ſeventeen pounds; and, at ſix years, twenty pounds; to be paid out of the ſtock or fund of this ſociety on the evening of the next monthly meeting after ſuch members deceaſe; which ſaid ſums ſhall be punctually paid, according to the claim he is intitled to, by the ſenior ſteward, to any perſon or perſons, upon producing ſuch deceaſed member's ſaid certificate, and being properly authorized and empowered to receive the ſame, agreeable to the true intent and meaning of theſe Articles. But, if the deceaſed member did not reſide within the town of Enfield, or five miles thereof, his heirs, executors, or adminiſtrators, muſt ſend, poſt-paid, directed to the Secretary of the Amicable Union Society, Enfield, a teſtimonial of his death, a copy of which is annexed (ſee No. 3. C.), ſigned by the miniſter and churchwardens of the pariſh wherein he was buried; but, if there is any ſuſpicion of a fraud by a forged certificate, or otherwiſe, the payment may be delayed for another month, in order to be properly ſatisfied of the truth of the ſame.

ARTICLE XIV.

Every member that has been free of this ſociety three years, as in the preceding article, ſhall receive from this ſociety five pounds at the deceaſe of his lawful wife; he ſhall be obliged to bring or ſend a certificate of their marriage, and of her death, if required.

ARTICLE XV.

If ever there ſhall appear to any member of this ſociety a well-grounded ſuſpicion that any other member hath received out of the fund belonging to the ſame any benefit ſpecified in theſe articles, upon pretence of ſickneſs, lameneſs, or any other infirmity, he being at the ſame time in ſuch health as not to have any right by theſe Articles to demand the ſame, upon information to either of the ſtewards, they, or either of them, are hereby authorized to require ſuch member to get a certificate from two proper judges, ſetting forth, that he was then ſick, lame, or otherwiſe indiſpoſed, as he alleged in his declaration on the box, during the whole time in which he received benefit from this ſociety, a copy of which certificate ſee annexed, No. 2, marked B; any member refuſing or neglecting to get ſuch certificate, and to tranſmit the ſame to the ſecretary within one month after it ſhall be required of him, he ſhall then be deemed unworthy to continue a member of this ſociety, and be excluded accordingly. If any free member doth lay violent hands upon himſelf, the money

he was otherwiſe entitled to ſhall be forfeited to the ſtock of this ſociety. If any member ſhould ever be convicted of felony in any of his Majeſty's Courts of Judicature, he ſhall immediately, upon conviction, be expelled, and excluded from all benefit of this ſociety.

ARTICLE XVI.

To preſerve amity and proper decorum in this ſociety, the fines hereafter mentioned will be inflicted on every member who tranſgreſſeth againſt the following Rules and Orders. Any member that occaſions or cauſes any quarrel, or uſes any abuſive language to or againſt any member of this ſociety in the club room, ſhall forfeit one ſhilling for each offence. If any member curſe or ſwear, he ſhall forfeit three pence for every ſuch offence. If any member propoſeth to lay a wager or promoteth gaming in the club-room, he ſhall forfeit three pence for each offence. If any member degrades another in the club-room upon any account, except it be for defrauding the ſociety, or breaking any of theſe Articles, he ſhall forfeit one ſhilling for each offence. If any member reflects upon any other member either in or out of the club-room for being anywiſe chargeable to the ſociety, he ſhall, for the firſt offence, forfeit two ſhillings and ſixpence, for the ſecond, five ſhillings, and for the third, if he proceeds ſo far, ten ſhillings, or be excluded, which the majority then preſent ſhall think proper. Any member who ſhall refuſe to be ſilent, after ſilence ſhall be called three times by the preſi-

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dent, ſhall forfeit three pence for each offence. If any member or members cauſe any party factions, or any arguments ſo as to occaſion any contentions concerning either party, church or ſtate, he ſhall forfeit one ſhilling for each offence. Any member or members that ſhall in any wiſe moleſt the preſident, ſtewards, or ſecretary, in their offices, or refuſe to go to their ſeats when required by the preſident, ſhall forfeit ſixpence for each offence. All the forfeits ſpecified in this article ſhall be in force every monthly meeting until the buſineſs is done, and the cheſt locked up, and every member who is fined by this article ſhall pay his forfeit directly, otherwiſe be ſet down double, and ſhall be obliged to pay all at the next quarterly meeting following or be excluded. All fines and forfeitures of half a crown and upwards to be entered to the ſtock of this ſociety, and all under half a crown ſhall be applied towards defraying the expences of the annual feaſt.

ARTICLE XVII.

If any member or members defraud, or attempt to defraud, this ſociety, in any caſe whatſoever, he or they ſhall, upon their clear conviction of ſuch offence, be excluded. No leſs than twenty-one members to be preſent at the deciding of an affair of ſo much conſequence. And any member ſo excluded can never be admitted again into this ſociety. If at any time any member ſhall contrive or endeavour to break up, or ſeparate, this ſociety, he and

all the abettors of ſuch contrivances or endeavours ſhall be excluded.

ARTICLE XVIII.

The caſh and ſecurities belonging to this ſociety ſhall be depoſited in a cheſt provided for that purpoſe with four different locks and keys, the two ſtewards to have one key each, the ſecretary one, and the landlord of the houſe, where the cheſt is kept ſhall have one, and in caſe any of the ſaid perſons ſhall loſe or otherwiſe ſpoil his key, he ſhall be obliged to provide another at his own expence. The landlord ſhall give ſuch ſecurity to the ſociety for their effects as ſhall be approved of by a majority preſent on a quarterly meeting, and the bond ſhall be lodged in the poſſeſſion of the truſtee for the time being. No ſum or ſums of money ſhall be lent or advanced by this ſociety but on ſuch intereſt and ſecurity as ſhall be approved of by the majority preſent on a quarterly meeting, and when there are twenty-one members preſent at leaſt. No lottery-tickets to be purchaſed with the money or ſtock of this ſociety on any pretence whatever; nor ſhall this ſociety be removed from the houſe where it is holden without ſome reaſonable cauſe.

ARTICLE XIX.

The accounts of this ſociety ſhall be examined and adjuſted every quarterly meeting, and a true ſtate of the ſame laid before this ſociety; and, if the ſtock or fund

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of this ſociety ſhould be found to be decreaſed beneath the proportion of one hundred pounds to thirty free members, a leſs ſum in proportion not thought to be adequate to its exigencies, the preſident and ſtewards, with the aſſiſtance of the ſecretary, ſhall propoſe ſuch an addition to the monthly contributions, as may, within one year, increaſe the ſtock to ſuch proportion. The benevolent and ſocial mind will certainly ſooner ſubmit to a ſmall additional contribution than that the laudable and generous deſign of this inſtitution ſhould be curtailed, or entirely ſtopped for a conſiderable time, which is the caſe in many ſocieties by their not adopting this or a ſimilar method; and every member who refuſes to pay his additional contribution, for the firſt offence ſhall be fined one ſhilling, for a ſecond two ſhillings and ſixpence, and for a third, if he proceeds ſo far, ſhall be excluded. But, if the ſtock or fund of this ſociety ſhould increaſe ſo that upon a fair calculation it will admit of increaſing the weekly benefits and legacies ſuch a matter being duly conſidered on a quarterly meeting, ſuch additions may be made to each or either of them as may be judged proper by a majority preſent at ſuch meeting, but not for the ſtock; when it exceeds ſuch proportion as above, to be divided amongſt the members, or apportioned to any other purpoſe. As the laudable deſign of this inſtitution is for the mutual aſſiſtance and ſupport of each other when any ſickneſs or other calamitous affliction may befall us.

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ARTICLE XX.

Whenever any affair doth happen relating to this ſociety that cannot be clearly and abſolutely determined by the Rules and Orders ſpecified in theſe Articles, then and in ſuch caſe the ſame ſhall be inveſtigated by a majority of members preſent at a quarterly meeting; but, if any affair ſhould happen which requires a ſpeedy determination, and which theſe Articles do not ſufficiently explain, in ſuch caſe the ſame ſhall be determined by the opinion of the committee, conſiſting of the preſident, the two ſtewards, the ſecretary, and nine of the members, reſiding in Enfield, or within five miles thereof, whom the ſecretary ſhall cauſe to be ſummoned for that purpoſe, and which nine members ſhall be annually choſen on the quarterly night preceding the feaſt day in manner and form following, viz. the ſecretary, by order of the preſident and ſtewards, ſhall nominate twelve perſons reſiding in Enfield, or within five miles thereof, out of which number the members preſent on the aforeſaid quarterly night ſhall elect nine to ſerve for one year from that time; every member of the ſaid committee who ſhall be ſummoned to attend by the ſecretary, which he is impowered to do at the requiſition of any three of the ſaid committee, and doth not perſonally appear to ſuch ſummons within half an hour of the time ſpecified therein, ſhall be fined two ſhillings and ſixpence; and, whenever the committee do ſit for the tranſaction of buſineſs, there ſhall be allowed from the box for their expences one guinea.

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ARTICLE XXI.

An annual feaſt ſhall be held on the third Wedneſday in June, at the houſe where the meetings of this ſociety is holden, the forfeit money which is appropriated for that purpoſe ſhall be applied towards defraying the expences of this feaſt, and every abſent member ſhall pay five ſhillings towards the ſame, and the remaining part of ſuch expence ſhall be defrayed by the members preſent in equal proportion. The ſtewards for the time being ſhall have the ordering of the proviſions, which may be thought ſuitable and neceſſary for the feaſt, and the preſident ſhall take his ſeat at the upper end of the table at dinner.

ARTICLE XXII.

That this ſociety ſhall not be diſſolved or determined without the conſent and approbation of five ſixths of the then exiſting members thereof, and alſo of all perſons then receiving, or then entitled to receive, relief from this ſociety, either on account of ſickneſs, age, or infirmity, to be teſtified under their hands individually and reſpectively. And, as ſome matters may hereafter be neceſſary which cannot now be foreſeen, any other Articie or Articles, or alteration of theſe preſent, which may hereafter appear to be neceſſary for the benefit or better ordering of this ſociety, the ſame ſhall, being firſt agreed to by three-

three-fourths of the then exiſting members, and eſtabliſhed by the Juſtices of the Peace, aſſembled at the general quarter ſeſſions of the peace, or at any adjournment thereof, in and for the county of Middleſex, be ſigned and annexed to theſe Articles, and ſhall be deemed to all intents and purpoſes as binding and good as thoſe now exiſting.

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MEMBERS.

Mr. Thomas Hill	Enfield	Feb. 14.	1787
Francis Oſtlife	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
John Hill	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
William Mitchell	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
John Taylor	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
William Wallan	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
William Matthews	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
Robert Lake	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
Henry Draper	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
John Dell	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
Thomas Forſter	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
Thomas Hill, Jun.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
Henry Young	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
George Gates	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
John Munns	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
David Walker	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
Richard Lane	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
Cham. Matthews	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
John Rowley	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
John Smith	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
Edward Young	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
Thomas Wood	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
William Ramſden	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
Iſaac Lamb	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
John Curtis	Edmonton	Ditto	Ditto
Joſeph Slade	Enfield	Ditto	Ditto
James Mitchell	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
Joſeph Leech	Ditto	March 14	Ditto
James Eiſdell	Kitching	April 11	Ditto
Robert King	Edmonton	Ditto	Ditto
John Stanley	Ditto	Sept. 12	Ditto
Robert Poole	Enfield	Ditto	Ditto
Joſeph Webb	Ditto	March 12	1788

Mr. John Anſell	Edmonton	Sept. 10.	1788
Thomas Fuller	Cheſhunt	Ditto	Do.
James Wood	Edmonton	Dec. 10.	Do.
James Watts	Enfield	Ditto	Do.
Thomas Barton	Cheſhunt	Ditto	Do.
John Tuffnell	Ditto	March 11.	1789
Edward Jackſon	Edmonton	Ditto	Do.
Edward Lyle	Enfield	Ditto	Do.
John Style	Tottenham	Sept. 9.	Do.
James Halliday	Winch. Hall	Dec. 9.	Do.
Thomas Dell	Enfield	March 10.	1790
Thomas Worboys	Ditto	Ditto	Do.
William Wood	Southwark	June 9.	Do.
Francis Penny	Cheſhunt	March 9.	1791
Robert Treacher	Edmonton	June 12.	1793
Robert Piggott	Enfield	Dec. 11.	Do.
John Ives	Cheſhunt	June 11.	1794

No. 1. A.

The form of a Letter from a Member not residing in the town of *Enfield*, or five miles thereof, in case of sickness or lameness, requiring benefit from this Society.

To Mr. Secretary of the Amicable Union Society, Enfield.

THIS is to certify the President, Stewards, and Members of the Amicable Union Society, *that* A. B. *of in the county of being a Member of the said Society, is now sick or lame* [now mention the particular circumstances of his disorder], *and requests the benefit he is entitled to from the said Society.*

We whose hands are hereunto set, do affirm the truth of the above.

Dated the Day of 17

{ Surgeon or Apothecary.
{ Church-warden.

No. 2. B.

The form of a Certificate, to be ſent by any Member ſuſpected of having received the benefit from this Society, not having a right to the ſame, according to the Rules and Articles.

THIS is to certify the Preſident, Stewards, and Members of the Amicable Union Society, Enfield, *that* A. B. *being a Member of the ſaid Society, was ſo ſick or lame.* [now mention the particular circumſtances of his diſorder] *as to be incapable of following his buſineſs during the whole time he received the benefit from the ſaid Society.*

As witneſs our hands, the Day of 17

Surgeon, *or* Apothecaries.

No. 3. C.

The form of a Teſtimonial, to be ſent by the heirs, executors, or adminiſtrators of any deceaſed Member, who did not reſide in the town of *Enfield*, or within five miles thereof, to be directed to the Secretary of the *Amicable Union Society, Enfield*, (poſt-paid.)

THIS is to certify the Preſident, Stewards, and Members of the Amicable Union Society, Enfield, *that* A. B. *of the pariſh of in the county of who was, when living, a Member of the ſaid Society, died the Day of* 17

As witneſs our hands, &c.

No. 4. D.

The form of a Teſtimonial, to be ſent by any Member not reſiding in the town of *Enfield*, or five miles thereof, on the deceaſe of his wife.

THIS is to certify the Preſident, Stewards, and Members of the Amicable Union Society, Enfield, *that* A. B. *the wife of* C. D. *in the pariſh of in the county of being a Member of the ſaid Society, died the Day of* 17

As witneſs our hands,

{ Miniſter.
{ Church-wardens.

No. 5. The form of a Certificate, to be delivered to the Members on their being free of this Society.

THIS is to certify the Preſident, Stewards, and Members of the Amicable Union Society, Enfield, *that Mr.* A. B. *of the pariſh of in the county of is now free of this Society, and entitled to all the benefits ſpecified in theſe Articles; and, in caſe of whoſe death, his heirs, executors, or adminiſtrators, will be entitled to Five Pounds during the firſt year he is free; and, if in the ſecond, to Eight Pounds; in the third, Eleven Pounds; in the fourth, Fourteen Pounds; in the fifth, Seventeen Pounds; and, if in the ſixth, Twenty Pounds; which we promiſe to pay according to the claim they may have a right to make.*

As witneſs our hands,

{ Preſident.
{ Stewards.
{ Secretary.

Form of a Declaration on the Box to be ſent to the Secretary of the Society.

E——, Day of 17

SIR,

YOU will pleaſe to make known to the Preſident, Stewards, and Members, of the Amicable Union Society, Enfield, *that I am at preſent rendered incapable of following my occupation, by* [now mention the caſe] *and therefore requeſt the benefit from the ſociety.*

A. B.

Mr. *Secretary of the*
Amicable Union Society, Enfield.

Declaration off the Box.

E——, Day 17

SIR,

I BEG leave to inform the Preſident, Stewards, and Members of the Enfield Amicable Union Society, *that I am now able to follow my occupation, and therefore decline any further benefit at this time from the Society.*

A. B.

Mr. *Secretary of the*
Amicable Union Society, Enfield.

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